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FROM: NPIC Historical Officer 21 October 1970

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HISTORIAN	4	10/22	2 to 3 & 4: - I recommend that [redacted] proceed according to his attached schedule. - I do not think it would be wise to charge Dino with doing any more than he has done on the Cuban missile crisis.
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting of the DDI Historical Board

1. The DDI Historical Board met on Monday, 19 October 1970, from 1100 to 1230 hours in the office of [redacted] at Headquarters. In attendance were [redacted] and the undersigned. For the latter, it was the first such meeting.

2. For planning purposes and for the record, all manuscripts dealing with events through 1966/67 must be completed in draft form by 31 May 1971. This is intended to allow an opportunity for reviews by the Area historical officer, the Area historical board, and the Agency Historical Staff, as well as time for printing and publishing by 31 December 1971. This is the date set by [redacted] for completion of the catch-up phase. (The 31 May 1971 date for submission of drafts has been set by the Historical Staff, not [redacted])

3. As far as NPIC contributions are concerned, neither [redacted] would say that the 31 May deadline must be met at the expense of a substantial change in the current approach. Previous comments and advice given by all three indicate, however, that they want an interpretive history, that the material must be well digested, that it must be well documented, and that it must deal with the whole gamut of NPIC activity not only within the Agency but throughout the USIB community and with foreign governments as well. No such history of NPIC can be completed by 31 May 1971. My last projection of completion dates for the several sections of the main narrative are given in the attached status report. Incidentally, no one has specifically challenged these dates and said they are unacceptable.

4. As far as work on the main narrative history is concerned, the number one need is a quick solution to the problem of transcribing tapes. Such transcriptions are needed at least within a couple of days after interviews. I am already falling behind in my schedule.

5. With respect to the two special papers due 31 December 1970, I hope that no substantial relaxation of effort will occur after the initial good start. In view of the key positions occupied by both

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writers, there is always the danger that other responsibilities will erode the effort and postpone completion of the work. Understanding and continuing support of their effort is essential to complete the job in good order.

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7. It is my opinion that the DDI Historical Board and the Agency Historical Staff, because of their advisory character, will be very reluctant to press directly for a showdown with any office about deadlines or other controversial aspects of the historical program. If, however, as I suspect, many writers fail to meet the 31 May 1971 deadline set by the Historical Staff, I am very doubtful that all such contributions can be published by 31 December 1971, the date set by [redacted]. It would seem to me, therefore, that at some point well short of the end of calendar 1971, the Historical Staff will have to take defensive action. At such time, it seems more likely than not that failure to meet the 31 May 1971 deadline set by the Historical Staff will then become a major issue and lead to some action -- perhaps repeated action -- down through the chain of command.

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8. I think the best defence for the Center is to press forward vigorously with a view to accomplishing as much as possible in the next several months. In the meantime, it would be well to watch NPIC progress against the background of emerging signs of renewed interest or incipient

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action in behalf of the historical program by higher authority. At the moment, the mushy character of the time constraints and the ill-defined exercise of authority make it difficult to identify an obvious course of action other than hard work here at NPIC. I'm afraid that any determined attempt to clarify the situation now would be all too likely to evoke the response, "What's your problem; as things stand now you expect to finish by 31 December 1971?" (See attached status report.) However, in the coming weeks and months, an awareness of the situation outlined above may permit senior NPIC officials to discern the need for appropriate comment or action at that time.

[Redacted Signature]

NPIC Historical Officer

Attachment:

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DDI HISTORICAL PROGRAM

<u>History</u>	<u>Writer</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Approximate Completion Date</u>
<u>NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER</u>			
25X1 Narrative History Part 1A (1953-56) The Beginnings		Draft of Chapters 1 and 2 submitted for Historical Staff review. Research for Chapters 3 and 4 nearly completed.	15 November 1970
Part 1B (1956-61) HTAUTOMAT & PC		In abeyance.	31 March 1971
Part II (1961-66) The NPIC years		Tentative outline prepared.	31 December 1971.
Relations with Foreign Governments		Being researched.	31 December 1970
Field Operations		Being researched.	31 December 1970
Cuban Crisis		Completed manuscript has been submitted to <u>Studies</u> <u>in Intelligence</u> .	15 September 1970

* Full-time writer.

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